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## THOMAS N. PAGE DIES AT VIRGINIA HOME

Author and Diplomat Succumbs to Heart Disease in Birthplace.

**COLLAPSES IN GARDEN**

Was American Ambassador to Italy During War—Born 69 Years Ago.

RICHMOND, Nov. 1.—Thomas Nelson Page, former Ambassador to Italy and widely known author, died of heart disease this afternoon at his home, Oakland, near Beaver Dam, in Hanover county, where he was born. He was walking in the garden with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Roosevelt Page, when he fell to the ground unconscious. He was carried into the house and medical aid was summoned, but he died within a few minutes. He was 69 years old.

Although he served as American Ambassador to Rome for six years Mr. Page was known best for his literary productions, which had made him known at home and abroad before President Wilson at the beginning of his administration prevailed upon him to enter the field of diplomacy. He was appointed Ambassador to Italy in June, 1913, and served until August, 1919.

Mr. Page, from all appearances, was in excellent health up to the time of his stroke this afternoon. He had been in Washington last week, and had gone to Maryland to speak in support of the candidacy of his cousin, William Cabell Bruce, who is making a campaign for the United States Senate. He had returned to his ancestral home, Oakdale, now occupied by his brother, with the announcement that he would pass the winter there, and perhaps write a book dealing with his experiences at Rome.

**Work as Ambassador.**

The six years which Mr. Page spent as the American Ambassador at Rome covered a particularly critical period in the relations between the United States and the nations of Europe. Many of the important diplomatic notes which passed between the United States and the allied Governments passed through his hands. He returned in the summer of 1919 and went to Washington to confer with officials concerning details of peace and reconstruction in Europe. He indicated that because of advancing years he would be glad to lay down the official burden he had carried throughout the war, and he placed before President Wilson at a long conference at the White House a final and comprehensive report on conditions in Europe. Soon thereafter he left the service of the Government. He lived in Washington, but recently sold his house with the intention of passing virtually all his time in Virginia. And when he retired, as on several other occasions, he expressed astonishment that he, a writer, should have been made a diplomat.

Mr. Page came from one of the oldest families of Virginia, a family that had all the background and all the glamour that has come to be associated with the first families of the Old Dominion. A great-grandfather was Gen. John Page, the friend of Thomas Jefferson, and any other grandfather was Gen. Thomas Nelson, one of the Governors of Virginia during the war of the Revolution. His father was a Major in the Confederate army on the staff of his brother-in-law, Gen. Pendleton, chief of artillery, for Gen. Robert E. Lee.

**His Civil War Memories.**

He was a boy during the civil war, and the armies marched toward Richmond and he used to stand at the gate and wave at the soldiers as they passed. And at the end of the war, like many another member of the old families of

## King James Bible Barred From School as Sectarian

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—The King James Bible "the accepted Protestant version" and therefore sectarian, the Supreme Court has decided in an opinion reversing a judgment of a superior court in Kings county, which permitted the Selma Union High School District to purchase two copies of the Bible for the school library.

The court held the acquisition of the Bibles by the school would be in direct violation of the school law.

the South, he found the Page fortune had been spent away. He was 12 years old when he had to change his manner of living, give up the aristocratic surroundings and go to work in the fields doing the tasks that the slaves formerly did. In the evenings, when his work was finished, he lay by the fire and read books.

He went to school until 1868, when he went to Washington College, now Washington and Lee University. He studied to be an orator with such earnestness that he won a medal for his achievements in this field. He wrote now and then for the college paper and after he left college he taught for a year and then studied law in the University of Virginia, graduating in one year.

One day Mr. Page heard the story of a Confederate soldier's death that affected him so much that he sat down and wrote within a few days "Marse Chan," which is still known as one of the best stories that came out of the civil war. He sold it for \$50 to Scribner's Monthly, but it was not published until three years later, when the magazine was changed to the Century. This is the story that Henry Ward Beecher tried to read to a London audience, but became so moved that he wept and could not continue.

Among his best known works are "Meh Lady," "Social Life in Old Virginia," "Robert E. Lee, Man and Soldier," "In Old Virginia" and "The Coast of Bohemia," the last a volume of poems. Most of his stories and books were of the South and the civil war, but they were regarded as being remarkably free from rancor and prejudice. His last literary work of importance was "Italy and the World War," published in 1920.

He was twice married, first in 1886 to Miss Anne Seddon Bruce, who died two years later, and second in 1893 to Mrs. Florence Lathrop Field, widow of Henry Field of Chicago. She died in the spring of 1921. Mr. Page held many honorary degrees and was a member of many clubs in New York, Boston, Washington and elsewhere.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at the "Old Park" Church, where Mr. Page was christened, and the body will be sent to Washington for interment.

## LENINE REAPPEARS WELL AND STRONG

Attends Meeting of All-Russian Committee in Kremlin.

MOSCOW, Nov. 1.—Nikolai Lenin made his first public appearance since his illness in the throne room of the Kremlin at the fourth congress of the All-Russian executive committee. In the course of a fifteen minute address he spoke of cutting down officials' staffs and told a humorous story of one big department which recently set about reducing its personnel with the result that the number of employees was increased by 15,000.

There was laughter at that rally and Lenin was cheered throughout his speech, in which he discussed labor laws as though he had never been absent from his post. He looked strong and his voice was powerful and distinct as he said that the country must get together to work out its salvation. He chatted with Kalandine, Zinovief and other leaders, with whom he posed later for a photograph.

## U. S. SEEKS SHARE IN WORLD COURT

Cannot Accept Jurisdiction Until She Has Voice in Electing Judges.

GENEVA, Nov. 1 (Associated Press).—

That informal negotiations have been going on between the League of Nations and the State Department in Washington to make possible American participation in the election of judges to the Permanent Court of International Justice was stated at league headquarters following Washington advices that adjustments were in progress looking toward American Government representation in the court.

Secretary Hughes had made it clear that the United States could not accept the jurisdiction of the court until the American Government had some voice in the election of the judges.

Several suggestions have been made privately in Washington by friends of the league, the principal one being that the United States might sign the protocol instituting the court, the league assembly and council amending the statutes so that a non-member of the league adhering to the statutes could participate in the election of the judges.

Another suggestion advanced is that the assembly and council might so amend the statutes that a non-member accepting the jurisdiction of the court could participate in the election of the judges even without signing the protocol.

It is understood here that Dr. John Bassett Moore, the American now sitting on the bench of the International Court, is quite acceptable to the United States Government in that position, but Washington desires an assured voice in future elections, which, under the statutes, will be held in 1926, unless a vacancy arises before that time through resignation or death.

The collaboration of the United States with the other Powers is indispensable for the settlement of the unemployment question, the reparations tangle and the world's economic problems, Mr. Schurch, Swiss labor delegate, declared during a debate on unemployment before the International Labor Conference.

The people of the United States to interest themselves in these questions. Domicile de Gama, president of the council of the League of Nations, has sent a letter to all Governments members of the League inviting them to make an exhaustive examination of the League assembly's resolution on the elaboration of the plan of mutual guarantees which would make possible a reduction in armaments.

## CORONETTED CABINET UNBENDS FOR MOVIES

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The first Tory Cabinet England has had since the Balfour Ministry in 1905—a Cabinet more encrusted with coronets and infused with Norman blood than any since the day of George IV.—shattered tradition to-day by getting itself filmed, not only when assembling but when actually at work around the big table in Downing Street. Unlike the Los Angeles thrillers, however, the cameraman who "shot" the scene told THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent, "tranquillity" helped make a good picture. He added that Lord Curzon actually unbent so far as to act out a serious conversation with Stanley Baldwin, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

How wide this break in Cabinet tradition is may be realized when it is known that before the war the rule was that no outsider ever should be present at a meeting of the Cabinet. The Prime Minister in his own hand wrote a letter to the sovereign describing what had happened, and his secretary copied

## Tories Use Ruble Notes As Anti-Labor Argument

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Russian ruble notes, overprinted with the legend "Vote for labor and this is what your money will be worth" are being distributed by the Conservatives in the latest electioneering dodge of the campaign. Thousands of the latest and most attractive Soviet issues have been bought up, at no very great expense, for this propaganda.

it in the same fashion. That was the only other record taken. One of the things Mr. Lloyd George is being attacked for is that his Cabinet secretariat broke the rule of secrecy by permitting Sir Maurice Hankey and other experts to be present at many Cabinet discussions.

The wits in the political club are saying to-night that Bonar Law wanted to go down into permanent record as Prime Minister before he was thrown out of office, and so simply couldn't resist the importunities of the movie men.

## LABOR LOSES HEAVILY IN ENGLISH CITIES

LONDON, Nov. 2 (Thursday) (Associated Press).—The rout of Labor was the feature of the municipal elections in a large number of boroughs throughout England yesterday.

Up to an early hour this morning the returns were incomplete, but it is significant that in ten of London's twenty-eight boroughs the completed returns show that Labor lost 148 seats which had previously been held by Laborites in some instances their representation being completely wiped out.

The defeat of Labor is largely ascribed to the high taxation imposed by certain borough boards, controlled by Socialists, who expended big sums for unemployment relief, in some cases making it more profitable for a family not to work than to work.

## REPORT SERBS FIGHTING ITALIANS ON BORDER

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Fighting is reported to have broken out on the Serbian-Italian frontier as the result of the Fascists triumph in Italy according to dispatches from Belgrade published in the Daily Express.

Great excitement prevails in Serbia as the result of the Fascists coup and newspapers are discussing the possibility of war.

The fighting was reported near Susak, outside Fiume, with killed and wounded on both sides, and the fighting is spreading.

The Serbs are sending up reinforcements and it is understood they are ready to mobilize if necessary.

## KRASSINE REVIVES URQUHART SCHEME

Moscow Reconsiders Its Stand on Russo-Asiatic Consolidated Agreement.

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The Moscow Government has reconsidered its stand in the Russo-Asiatic Consolidated, Ltd., mining concession, bringing out the Krassine-Urquhart agreement as a political weapon to force England to use its influence to obtain a full invitation to Russia to attend the Lausanne conference on the Near East.

Following the invitation of partial participation, word was sent from Moscow to reopen negotiations with the English firm. Leonid Krassine dispatched new proposals yesterday to Scotland, where Leslie Urquhart is taking a vacation. He is to leave for Moscow Saturday with an Urquhart agent. Soviet representatives here say that Krassine actually realized when the Commissioners refused to ratify the agreement he had signed, and issued an ultimatum that when the Government was ready to accept his decision he would return to office. Thus, while it is Krassine's victory, Moscow is taking this opportunity to obtain full standing at Lausanne.

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Moscow, Nov. 1.—A reliable authority says that the first act of Nikolai Lenin upon his return to state councils was to kill the Urquhart agreement with the Russo-Asiatic Consolidated, Ltd., which he thought too favorable to capitalism.

At the first meeting of the Central Executive Committee he attended after his illness he spoke against ratification of the agreement, so nobody supported it, and the only question discussed was how to get rid of it without appearing to go back on their word. It was finally agreed that England's refusal to let Soviet Russia attend the Near East peace conference in full standing was a good pretext.

Lenine's stand on this matter excited the surprise of his colleagues, who were not prepared for such determined resolution in one whom they thought illness had softened. Lenine maintained that the terms offered by Leslie Urquhart were too advantageous to the latter and too much to the contrary to the Soviet from the point of view of moral prestige. The whole Communist position would be surrendered, he said, if the contract were ratified. Lenine declared the Soviet would retreat no further, but that having gone a certain length it would dig itself in.

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